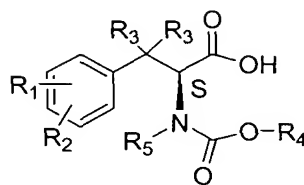


ABSTRACT

The invention is a process for the preparation of compounds of the Formula I:

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Formula I

10 where R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ are defined in the specification, which are intermediates useful for the preparation of tubulin inhibitors which are useful in the treatment of cancer.

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